

# Celebrating the Life of Fred Earl Sr. "Bang"

Sunrise  
February 24, 1924

Sunset  
June 8, 2015



Friday, June 19, 2015 ~ 11am  
Wilson Kratzer Mortuaries  
455 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond Ca

Reverend Andre Shumake, Officiating

## *Reflection of Life for Fred Earl Sr.*



On February 24, 1924 in Waco, Texas God placed in the care of Henry and Jessie Lee Earl, their first-boy child. Fred Earl Sr. On Monday morning, June 8, 2015 at the Veterans Hospital in Martinez, CA God summoned Fred home to his eternal resting place.

Fred was the second oldest of six siblings. Fred attended school in Texas. At the age of 18, he was drafted into the Navy and served in World War II from 1942 to 1945. After leaving the Navy, he moved to Richmond, California.

Fred worked for Dana's Cleaner's on Cutting Boulevard in Richmond, CA and after 40 plus years. He was known as the "Best Presser" in town. He loved his job.

Fred met, fell in love and married Nicie Lee and together they raised eight children. Fred loved to cook and have his entire family and all his friends over on holidays for Pot Luck dinners. Those were the days we will all cherish and remember.

Fred was affectionately known as Bang/Bango and was always dressed in a suit with matching hat and Stacy Adams shoes. Everybody in the neighborhood knew Fred and where he lived and how he loved to ride his bike dressed in his suit.

Fred's "guardian angel" was very, very busy (smile). On numerous occasions, there were calls or knocks at the door informing the family that a car had hit him. Fred broke a leg, and even suffered a concussion, but by the Grace of God, he recovered, got a new bike, and did it all over again. He was always willing to help everybody, that was his "gift" to us all and was loved by people from all walks of life.

Fred loved to play dominoes and his favorite dance was the Alaskan Freeze. He had gotten this from his favorite character, Fred Stanford on the Oldies but Goodies television show "Stanford and Son".

Fred accepted Christ while in the Veteran's Hospital. His favorite scripture was the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalms. "Oh Happy Day" and "Precious Lord" were his favorite songs.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Jessie Lee; wife Nicie Lee; his daughters Mildred, Delores, and Anita; his grandson Anthony Shumake; his son-in-law David Shumake; his sisters Lillian, Willie-May, Edna Faye and Barbara Ann.

Fred leave to cherish his fond memories, five daughters Betty (Henry) of San Jose, CA; France of Vallejo, CA; Sandra of Richmond, CA; Crystal (John) of Oakland, CA; Bridget (Willie) of Las Vegas, NV; two sons, Fred Jr. (Annette) of Richmond, CA and Donald (Betty) of Antioch, CA; his only living sibling Harold, better known as "Red Onion" Earl (Linda) of Oakland, CA; 26 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

### Dad

Dad was the one who made sure you had everything you needed, most of what you wanted and, always, all of his love. And one day it occurred to you that for all those years, everything he did, he did for you. When I look back, I can see that you really always wanted the best for me, and I know how hard you worked to get it. You've taught me to think things through, to care, and to do what's right. So, today I just want to say thanks for all you've done and I want to tell you that I fell proud and blessed that you're my dad. I Love you!

~Bridget

### Granddaddy

You have been such a wonderful grandfather to all of us. Most of our childhood memories included you and Grandmama. You made us laugh until we cried. You always made us feel loved. It is so hard to believe that you are no longer with us here on earth, but always in our hearts. We Love you!

~LaShun, Kimberly, and Toya

*Celebrating the Life of Fred Earl Sr.*  
*Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Old Testament ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm..... Minister Bobby Ward, Sr.*

*New Testament Mathew 11:28-29:..... Ms. Sheri Brown*

*Prayer ..... Pastor Gary Muccular*

*Solo..... Mrs. Nekisha Smith*

*Special Remarks..... Ms. Sandra Givens for A. Y. Wallace*

*Acknowledgements of Cards..... Richmond Police Chaplin Diane Williams*

*Expressions of Love..... 2 Minutes..... Family and Friends*

*Reading of the Obituary..... Mrs. Delores Hill*

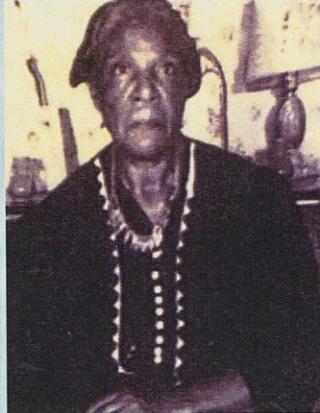
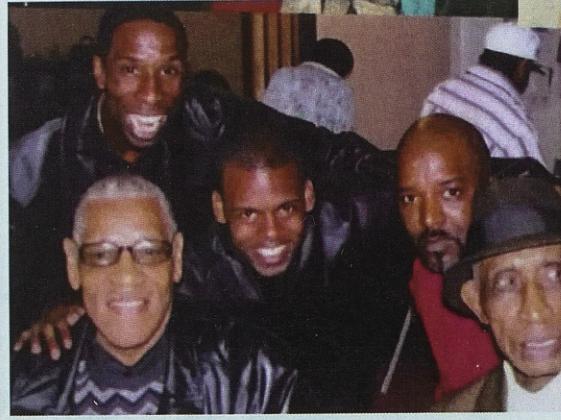
*Solo..... Mrs. Nekisha Smith*

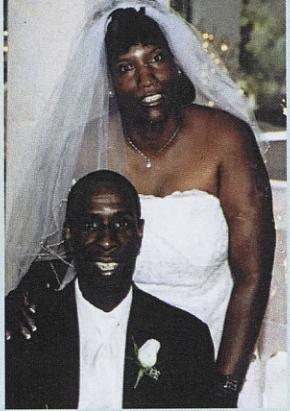
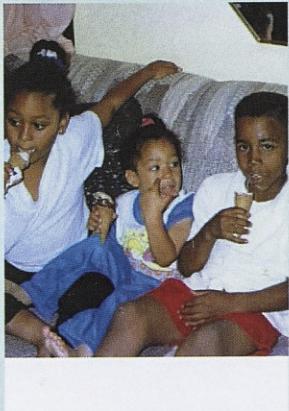
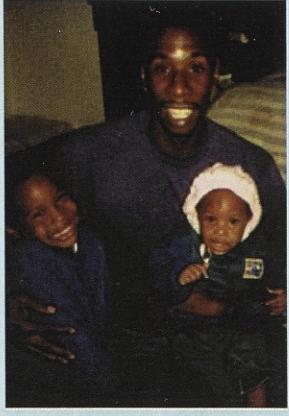
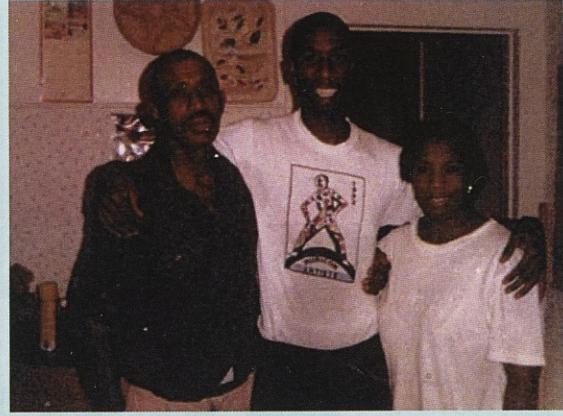
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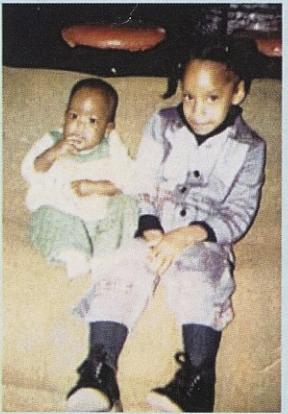
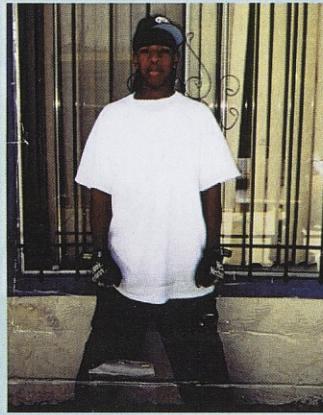
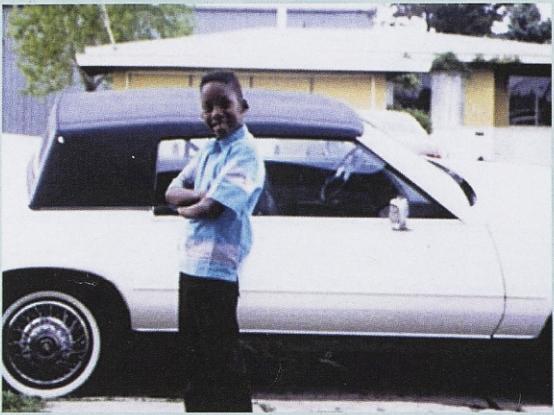
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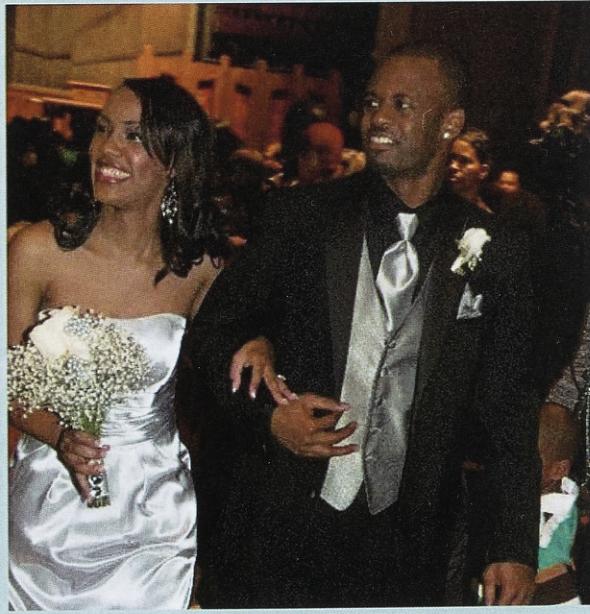
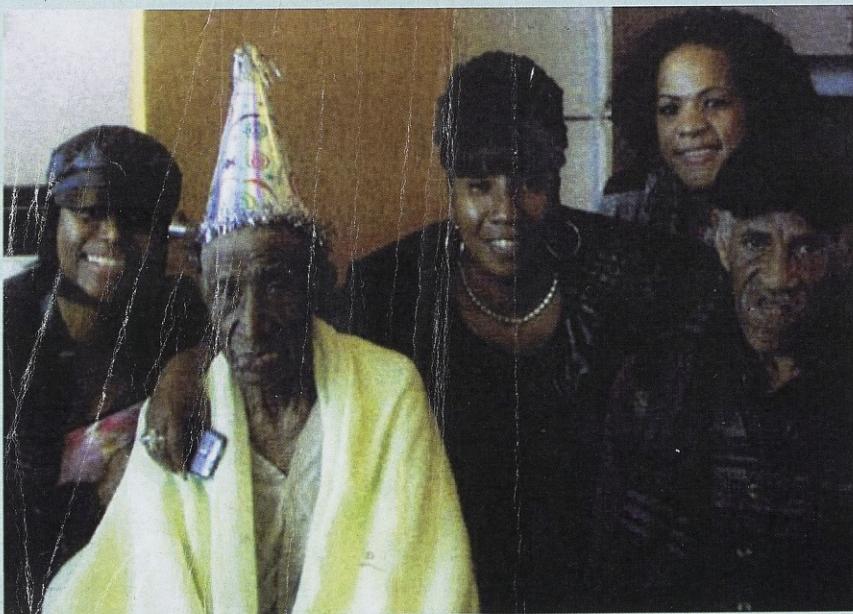
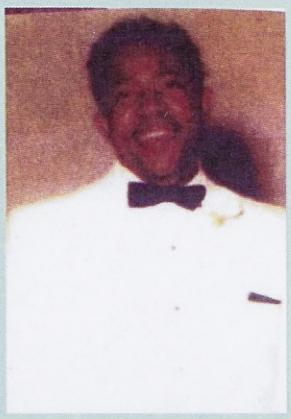
*A Glimpse Till Glory..... Wilson & Kratzer Staff*











## *Active Pallbearers*

Damon Robinson Jr.  
Darrell Millard  
Tony Crinist

Terry Battle  
Kevin Brown Jr.  
Daniel Earl

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Charles Brooks  
Harold Earl  
Carl Muccular  
Antonio Simmons

Willie Joe Wallace  
A. Y. Wallace  
Damon Robinson Sr.  
Willie Williams

## *Acknowledgments*

We the family of Fred Earl wishes to express our deepest appreciation of love for your many acts of kindness, prayers, deeds, words of comfort and your thoughtfulness is appreciated.  
May God bless each of you!

## *Interment*

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